

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An image capturing apparatus comprising:

an image sensor provided with a chip having an image capturing area and a package to which the chip is attached, said image capturing area ~~consisting of~~ including a plurality of blocks respectively including a plurality of pixels and forming a grid structure, each of the blocks having image information read-out lines;

an optical system for focusing incident light from an object to be captured on the image capturing area of the image sensor; and

a position adjustment mechanism for changing a relative position between the image capturing area of the image sensor and an optical axis of the incident light directed from the optical system to the image capturing area, by 1/2 of one or both of a longitudinal and lateral length of the blocks determined by the number and position in the grid of operational blocks of the plurality of blocks, such that the center of the image capturing area coincides with the optical axis of the incident light.

2. (Original) An image capturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position adjustment mechanism is capable of displacing the image sensor with respect to the optical axis.

3. (Original) An image capturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position adjustment mechanism is capable of displacing the optical system with respect to the image sensor.

4. (Currently amended) An image capturing apparatus comprising:

an image sensor provided with a chip having an image capturing area and a package to which the chip is attached, said image capturing area ~~consisting of~~ including a plurality of blocks, each of the block having an image information read-out lines;

an optical system for focusing incident light from an object to be captured on the image capturing area of the image sensor;

an image sensor mount section to which the image sensor is ~~replaceably~~ removably attached,

wherein a plurality of ~~kinds of the~~ different packages are provided, and ~~the packages include one to~~ including a package in which the chip is attachable so that a center of ~~whole of~~ all the blocks constituting the image capturing area coincides with an optical axis of the incident light, and ~~other one~~ another package to which the chip is attachable so that a center of at least one of the blocks constituting the image capturing area coincides with the optical axis of the incident light.

5. (Currently amended) An image sensor comprising a chip, wherein an image capturing area of the chip comprises a plurality of blocks each having image information read-out lines, and voltage supply wires for controlling circuitry in each block is provided in a region along a first of at least one of two demarcation lines between the blocks,

wherein the second of at least two demarcation lines is void of circuitry and wires allowing the chip to be cuttable along the second demarcation line without affecting operability of the image sensors.

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6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled).